

Victims' Advocate Wins State Award

A consistent dedication and determination to assure that victims of crimes receive the rights due them earned Terri Woodmansee, Goodyear's Crisis Services Coordinator, a top state award. Arizona Attorney General Terry Goddard personally presented Woodmansee the 2005 Arizona Attorney General's Distinguished Service Award for Advocacy and Direct Services.



Counterclockwise: Volunteer Annie St. John-Wilkins, Police Chief Mark Brown, City Manager Stephen Cleveland, Woodmansee, Lt. Bill Cusson and Vice Mayor Dick Sousa.

"I was really honored to receive this award, not for myself, but because it represents many victims' advocates and it's nice to know that our role is getting recognition and receiving a voice," said Woodmansee. "I'm glad to see that society is finally recognizing the rights of the victims of crime and not just the rights of those who commit the crimes."

Goodyear Police Chief Mark Brown says, "Terri is an excellent advocate for crime victims. She is very compassionate about her work and devoted to those victims who need her help. She has done an incredible job in building this specialized unit within our department."

Woodmansee, who began as a dispatcher with the Police Department, recognized the need for domestic violence services from the 9-1-1 calls she received. She

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Only City of Goodyear Water Customers South of I-10 90 days for City Sewer Rate Appeal

What is sewer usage based on?

There is no way to measure exactly how many gallons of water a household sends into the sewer system. Therefore, Goodyear bases its estimate of your household's monthly sewer usage upon your household's average monthly water consumption during the winter - typically the lowest water usage months of the year. The average monthly water usage during January, February and March becomes your *Winter Quarter Average (WQA)*.

Each May, your sewer bill is adjusted based on that average. The average is the **maximum** you will be charged monthly for the next 12 months - from June 05 through May 06. If any month's water consumption is **lower** than your WQA, your sewer bill will also be lower that month. However, if your monthly water consumption is higher than your WQA, your sewer bill will **NOT** be higher. It will still be based on the WQA!

How does the City figure out our monthly sewer bill? The table at the bottom of the page shows the City's estimated monthly minimum water consumption for an average household based on 80 gallons per day [gpd] per each person in the household.

When is an appeal possible? If your *Winter Quarter Average* water usage is **under** the monthly minimum usage based on occupancy, an adjustment

will **not** be considered for your sewer rate. However, if your monthly water usage is **over** the minimum monthly usage for your household occupancy, you can ask the City for a sewer rate adjustment. After your municipal bill comes in June, you have until August 31st to file for an adjustment.

If your water consumption is higher than your WQA, it may be due to water used to fill a swimming pool or to water outdoor landscaping. Since this water did not go down the drain, you do not need to pay a sewer fee on it.

How can I appeal my sewer rate? A Sewer Fee Adjustment Self-Audit Form is available on-line at goodyearaz.gov or from the City's Customer Counter at 190 N. Litchfield Rd. Mail the completed form to:

City of Goodyear
Attn. Sewer Rate Appeal
P.O. Box 1500
Goodyear, AZ 85338

The City will mail a decision within 30 business days advising whether an adjustment will be made. For questions, call 623-932-3015.

Who cannot appeal?

- ◆ Goodyear residents who live north of I-10 because they receive water and sewer services from LPSCO.
- ◆ New Goodyear residents south of I-10 who did **not** live in their house for the entire three months of January, February, and March. Because they

could not establish their own *Winter Quarter Average*, these new households will be assigned a "class average" sewer rate for the next year. This is calculated by taking total residential water consumption for the three months of January, February and March and dividing it by the total households south of I-10.

Household Occupants	Gallon Per Day x 30 days	Minimum Mnthly Usage
1	80 gpd x 30 days	2,400 gpm
2	160 gpd x 30 days	4,800 gpm
3	240 gpd x 30 days	7,200 gpm
4	320 gpd x 30 days	9,600 gpm
5	400 gpd x 30 days	12,000 gpm
6	480 gpd x 30 days	14,400 gpm
7	560 gpd x 30 days	16,800 gpm



Mayor Jim Cavanaugh

Mayor - We're Working Hard to Get I-10 Widened

With the phenomenal growth in the Southwest Valley in the past five years, traffic congestion on I-10 has created frustrating rush hour delays, a noticeable increase in crashes and a higher number of fatalities along I-10 from Dysart Rd. to Perryville Rd. Statistics show that it is one of the most dangerous stretches of freeways in our Valley.

At almost every public meeting, someone asks why “nothing is being done to widen I-10 to keep up with the growth.” Let me assure you that we are doing *everything* we can to get I-10 widened as soon as possible. It is one of your City Council’s highest priorities. As it turns out, this is a very complicated issue and one that will take quite a while to accomplish. But we are working diligently to shorten the timeframe.

When we speak with the public we also find that residents think the Fall 2004 passage of Proposition 400 (the half cent sales tax to improve freeways and roadways and to build light rail over the next 20 years) means that work should already be starting on all the road projects covered by the tax.

Unfortunately, some projects, including the widening of I-10, were included in later phases of the plan.

The widening of I-10 was placed in Phase II of the plan – which is 2011-2015. In addition to the I-10 widening, it took a great deal of negotiation for those of us on the Transportation Policy Committee to get right-of-way acquisition for the I-10 reliever freeway along a Southern Ave. alignment included in the 20-year plan. We also fought hard for the Bullard Rd. interchange that will be completed in 2007 in time for our regional mall’s opening in late 2008.

The MAG Regional Council oversees the 20-year Regional Transportation Plan. Every week, Goodyear staff works with MAG to try to make the I-10 widening eligible for expansion between mid-2009 and 2010. Several studies are needed before we can even qualify for accelerated timing. Besides long-term corridor improvement studies, Design Concept Engineering Reports must determine what specific improvements would be. There are also lengthy 2 to 5-year federal Environmental Assessments (EA) or Environmental Impact Statements (EIS) that must be completed before a timing can be determined.

Most time savings is *not* in the planning, but in the construction phase instead. Timing can be sped up 6-8 months if no new right-of-way needs to be acquired. If feds require an EA study rather than EIS it could save a couple of years on the project. If these studies prove that the corridor is “clear” (no archeological finds, no protected wildlife areas, most residential built away from freeway), then time is

shorter. Using design-build construction can speed up the process. The Goodyear project is currently seen as a 5-mile widening between Dysart and the Loop 303. The result would be 4 lanes in each direction with an HOV lane through both Avondale and Goodyear. The cost estimate is \$84 million to \$100 million in “today’s” dollars.

One way to help speed up the process even more once ADOT says it can be accelerated, is for Goodyear to front some of the funding with federal grants for which we will later be repaid. To pave the way for our obtaining these crucial grants, Councilmembers Frank Cavalier and Sue Linney, City Intergovernmental Relations Director Jerene Watson and I made a trip to Washington, D.C. this spring to speak with our congressional leaders. Senator Jon Kyl was very interested in our I-10 efforts as part of a statewide I-10 widening project. He was struck by the grievous nature of the accident statistics that we showed him. We will also be working with Congressman Trent Franks to try to get the I-10 widening project authorized in the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) bill FY 06-10.

As you can see, it is a rather large undertaking to accelerate such a huge project. But you have my promise that Goodyear’s Council and management will continue doing everything in our power to see the completion of the I-10 widening by late 2010. We know how critical it is to maintaining a high quality of life in the Southwest Valley.



Goodyear City Council

*From Left: Sue Linney,
Vice Mayor Dick Sousa,
Fred Scott, Mayor Jim
Cavanaugh, Rob Antoniak,
Ken Porter, and Frank
Cavalier.*

Council Calendar

- Goodyear Justice Facility, 986 S. Litchfield Rd.
- Tuscany Falls, 16222 Clubhouse Dr., PebbleCreek

Monday, May 16
Justice Facility
Work Session 5 p.m.
Special Meeting 6 p.m.

Monday, May 23 at 6 p.m.
Justice Facility
Regular Meeting

Monday, June 6 at 6 p.m.
Tuscany Falls Theatre
Council Meeting
Swearing-In Ceremonies

Monday, June 13 at 6 p.m.
Justice Facility
Regular Meeting

Litchfield Rd. Task Force Welcomes Your Vision

Revitalization of a key commercial corridor such as Litchfield Road south of I-10 is important for improving the quality of life in Goodyear. The Litchfield Road Target Area runs from I-10 to Broadway Rd. including one block on either side on Western/Yuma Ave.

A citizen task force has been formed and its members invite all citizens and stakeholders to participate with the task force in the formation of a Vision and Action Plan for the target area. **The Kick-off meeting is Saturday, May 14 from 8 am to noon in Room 117 of City Hall, 190 N. Litchfield Rd.** Breakfast will be provided.

Task force members are: Don Bennett, Norma Chastain, Mark Grumley, Robert Hiler, Jim King, Jr., Jim Krone, Harlan Lambrecht, John Leach, Ann Reynolds Mason, Joanne Osborne and Council-member Fred Scott.

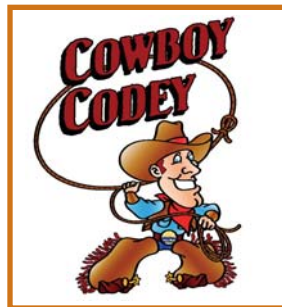
Call Barbra, 623-882-7903, to RSVP

Take a Hike . . . with the Mayor



It's not too late to take part in the first hike with Mayor Jim Cavanaugh - Saturday, May 14th. Participants will meet at Goodyear City Hall, 190 N. Litchfield Rd. at 7:30 a.m. and be driven to Estrella Mountain Regional Park. The 2.3 mile hike will begin at 8 a.m. and last about an hour and a half.

Just call Mark Kimball ASAP at 623-882-7534. A \$5 charge covers staff time, van transportation, and park entry fees. Water, snacks and a special T-shirt will be provided, courtesy of West Valley Hospital.



Cowboy Codey Sez:

"Keeping alleys clean and safe helps Service Workers do their jobs"

Imagine driving an eleven-foot-high, twenty-foot-long, thirty-thousand-pound vehicle through the city's alleys and utility easements every day. That's what city and contracted sanitation workers do at least three days a week. They have to maneuver around walls, trees, trash cans, and various piles of trash material for pick-up. There are also utility workers driving through the alleys reading water meters, checking electrical or phone lines, and doing a variety of other things to ensure that every resident receives the best service available.

All too frequently, Goodyear's alleys become overrun with weeds and clogged by untrimmed branches that affect, not only travel, but service in the alleys as well as presenting safety hazards. Weeds over six inches can hide sharp objects that can damage tires or even injure a worker, and they make finding water meters very difficult. Branches can easily damage vehicles and threaten the stability of walls. Trash and trash cans that are not set out properly can also obstruct travel.

The alley behind your property is your responsibility. By maintaining your part of the alley in the same proper manner that you maintain the rest of your property, you can help all these service workers better perform their jobs by ensuring them a safe environment and ample room to travel.

Citizen Sanitation Advisory Committee Needs Your Input on Possible Changes to Our Sanitation Service

For the past few weeks, the Solid Waste Advisory Committee has been learning everything there is to know about sanitation services so they can eventually recommend how best to implement a citywide curbside recycling program and how to improve overall sanitation services in a cost effective manner.

The committee has made no decisions on any potential service changes at this time. Before they do, they want to give you a brief presentation on what

they have learned about sanitation service options. They need your comments and opinions on what you think you would like. City staff and committee members will be there to answer questions and take comments. A Service Preference survey will be available for you to fill out.

All meetings will be at 6pm.

June 14 - Desert Edge High School

June 16 - Estrella Foothills High School

June 21 - Tuscany Falls Clubhouse

June 23 - City Hall, Room 117



Goodyear Swimming Pool Opens May 28!

Pool hours & Admission:

- Monday - Friday from noon - 4 p.m. and 6:30 to 8 p.m.
- Saturday and Sunday - noon - 8 p.m.
- Admission: under 3 - free; 4-12 - \$.75; adult (13 and up) - \$1.25.

Swim lesson registration will be held at the Goodyear Pool from 9 a.m. - 10 a.m. for Goodyear residents only and 10 a.m. - noon for non-residents.

• Register on Saturday, May 21, 2005 for Session I - 6/6/05 through 6/17/05

• Register on Saturday, June 11, 2005 for Session II - 6/20/05 through 7/1/05

Costs: Goodyear residents - \$20.00 per person per session and non-residents - \$25.00 per person per session

Job Openings

Visit the City of Goodyear Web site at www.goodyearaz.gov or call the City's 24-hour hotline, **(623) 932-1716**, for job listings. Goodyear accepts applications only for open positions. The Human Resource Office is located at 190 N. Litchfield Rd.. Phone (623) 882-7752. TTY (623) 932-6500. **EEO/M/F/V/H/D.**

Your Opinion Counts

We want your ideas on how we may better serve you. Just fill out this form and return it with your garbage collection bill or mail it to Linda Dillard, Community Advocate, 190 N. Litchfield Rd., P.O. Box 5100, Goodyear, AZ 85338, or e-mail to Ldillard@goodyearaz.gov

Comments (please print) _____

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ E-mail _____

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wrote a grant to fund the advocate position, founding the Goodyear's Crisis Services Unit. Over the last two years, Terri and her assistant have made over 800 contacts related to domestic violence.



Attorney General Terry Goddard looks on as Terri gives her acceptance speech.

A series of informative brochures are available through the Crisis Services Unit to help Goodyear residents:

- **About the Crisis Services Unit**
- **Coping with Traumatic Events**
- **Handling Illegal or Annoying Phone Calls**
- **Surviving a Robbery**
- **Surviving Sexual Assault**
- **Helping a Child Victim Become a Survivor**

Goodyear's Crisis Services Unit is always recruiting for volunteers. If you are interested, please call Terri Woodmansee at 623-882-7677. All volunteers must undergo intense background checks in order to work in the Goodyear Police Department.



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